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LETTER DATED 24 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions of my Government, I am writing to you concerning the letter of the Croatian Representative, Mr. M. Nobilo (S/1995/717), of 20 August 1995 and have the honour to state the following.

The letter contains charges on the alleged engagement of the Novi Sad Corps of the Army of Yugoslavia in a "terrorist attack on Osijek". Following unscrupulous and criminal aggression against Krajina and the genocide committed against the Serb people, Croatia advances untrue, baseless and malicious charges of the alleged involvement of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in incidents around Osijek with the aim of drawing Yugoslavia in the conflict that Croatia itself provoked. Croatia is resorting to the scenario it used in its aggression on Western Slavonia. At that time, Croatia's "intervention" was triggered by the alleged Serb provocations on the Belgrade-Zagreb highway. Evidently, Croatia is now setting the stage for the offensive in Eastern Slavonia and the area of Trebinje.

The allegations from the letter are even more dangerous since it has been stated that Croatia will respond by attacking not only the Serb positions in the Republic of Serb Krajina but on the territory of the Republic of Srpska as well. The Security Council, whose responsibility is to avert all threats to international peace and security, must not fail to act appropriately upon such an open threat by Croatia.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is urging the Security Council to preempt, by acting resolutely, such aggressive actions of Croatia and a potential escalation of the conflict which may lead to a total collapse of peace initiatives which presently give rise to hopes that the crisis in the territory of the former Yugoslavia could soon be resolved.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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